

World Wind Tools Reveal Environmental Change



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NASA Technology

- ◆ After decades of utilizing satellites, NASA possesses an unmatched store of data on Earth's surface
- ◆ To visualize this data in a 3D format, NASA built a software program called World Wind
- ◆ It further improved the software by making it cross-platform and available to plug in to other software

Partnership

- ◆ World Wind was released under the NASA Open Source Agreement license, and it received NASA's "Software of the Year" award for 2009
- ◆ Intelesense now uses the technology for public health, environmental, and other monitoring applications for governments and nonprofits
- ◆ Data acquired through World Wind has saved Intelesense about \$1 million in development costs

Benefits

- ◆ Intelesense uses NASA data to support its products: IntelCell (data communication), IntelNet (data integration), and IntelView (data visualization)
- ◆ The system was deployed to monitor 6,500 acres of intact, native-dominated forest in Hawaii, as well as for creating global heat maps and satellite feeds of maritime domains